

What is claimed is:

1. A method for billing for a connection from a first subscriber in a first communication network to a second subscriber in a second communication network which is connected to the first communication network, comprising:

5 providing a level of the billing of a first billing share for the connection in the first communication network and a second billing share for the connection in the second communication network; and

10 setting up a connection if the first subscriber accepts both billing shares.

2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein prior to connection setup, the second subscriber stores information not to accept the billing share for the second communication network.

3. The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein when setting up a connection, the first subscriber is asked to accept the billing share for the second communication network, and the connection to the second subscriber is set up if the first subscriber responds affirmatively.

25 4. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein prior to connection setup, the first subscriber stores information to accept the billing share for the second communication network.

30 5. The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the first subscriber accepts the billing share for the second communication network for at least one connection setup.

6. The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein
the first subscriber can retract the agreement to
accept the billing share for the second communication
5 network.

7. An apparatus in a first communication network,
comprising:
a memory to store information that a subscriber is not
10 prepared to accept a billing share for a second
communication network when an incoming connection is set
up.

8. An apparatus in a first communication network,
15 comprising:
a first memory to store information that a subscriber
is prepared to accept a billing share for a second
communication network when an outgoing connection is set
up; and
20 a second memory to store the information that the
subscriber is prepared to accept the billing share for the
second communication network when an outgoing connection is
set up.